



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5725

LCO No. 1503

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THEFT OF SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That subdivision (7) of section 53a-119 of the general statutes be
2 amended to provide that a person is guilty of theft of services when,
3 after renting or leasing personal property under an agreement in
4 writing that provides for the return of such property to a particular
5 place at a particular time, other than personal property that is rented
6 or leased under chapter 743i of the general statutes, such person, with
7 intent to obtain the use of such property without payment of the
8 lawful charge for such use or to avoid payment of the lawful charge for
9 the use of such property that has been permitted such person, fails to
10 return such property to the agreed place or to any other place of
11 business of the lessor within forty-eight hours after the lessor sends a
12 written demand to such person for the return of the property by
13 registered or certified mail addressed to such person at such person's
14 address as shown in the written agreement, unless a more recent
15 address is known to the lessor.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce a significant economic burden on rental store owners by providing that the failure to timely return rental property constitutes theft of services under the larceny statutes.